

President. During the coming weekend, they are celebrating their 50th anniversary on the air. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service.

Since 1952, KANU has informed, enlightened, educated and amused the radio listeners of northeast Kansas; it is the flagship station of National Public Radio in our state and it is a cultural lifeline for Kansans and an example of public radio at its best.

At a time when radio programming is becoming more homogeneous, KANU continues to present classical music, jazz, opera, bluegrass and folk music. These genres have a wide audience, but listeners might not be able to hear them on the radio without the steadfast, continued support of KANU.

KANU is also a credit to its home institution, the University of Kansas, which has backed the institution from its beginning.

As a listener, supporter and occasional guest of KANU, I urge all Kansans, and indeed, all fans of good radio, to thank KANU for their 50 years of broadcasting and to wish them well for the next 50 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on September 10 I was unavoidably absent and missed roll-call votes Nos. 378, 379, 380, 381, 382 and 383. If present I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NICK PAPADAKIS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you and this body of Congress today to honor a remarkable veteran of the United States Navy who recently passed away. Nick Papadakis of Pueblo, Colorado contributed selflessly to our nation and I thank him for his commitment to this country. As a Navy veteran who served in time of war, Nick is an example of what is best about our country: the passion and valor of its citizens.

In 1959, after service in the Navy, Nick received an honorable discharge and started a career with the Prudential Insurance Company, which lasted for twenty-eight years. He moved to Colorado in 1971 and immediately found his calling. Nick and his wife dearly missed the deli specialties of San Francisco and opened their own restaurant, "The Deli." The Deli was a success because aside from good food, Nick provided a personal atmosphere where customers could discuss sports, politics and the Pueblo Community. Nick's deli has been a vital part of the Pueblo community since it opened.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in celebrating the life of Nick Papadakis, who tragically lost his battle with cancer recently. Nick dutifully served our country and selflessly committed himself to the betterment of Pueblo. His legacy of love includes his wife, June; his

two daughters, Michele and Alison; and their husbands; as well as three precious granddaughters who doted on their grandfather. Nick's remarkable spirit empowered all who knew him. I would like to express my deepest condolences to his friends and family as I pay tribute to the power of his life today before this body of Congress.

ALLEN SHUR: 2002 JOHNS LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Allen Shur on receiving the 2002 Johns "Labor Leader of the Year" Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the working women and men of our community.

Allen was born in Los Angeles in May 1948. His father was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Allen lost both of his parents at a young age. Overcoming his loss, he graduated from high school in Los Angeles County. Then he attended college in southern California and became active in the labor and political movements of the late 60s and early 70s.

Allen joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in 1967. He graduated from the then four-year IBEW/NECA Inside Apprenticeship program in 1971. Allen distinguished himself by his political involvement, which caught the attention of IBEW's membership. He served on the Executive Board of Local 569 and as a Labor Trustee.

In 1995, the membership overwhelmingly elected him to the office of Business Manager, a position that he continues to hold. Allen has continued his support for organizing the electrical workers in San Diego and Imperial Counties, increasing Local 569's membership rolls each year. In addition, Allen has directed his staff to organize both workers and contractors, providing all workers in the electrical industry the union choice.

Allen serves as the District I Vice President of the California Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), Executive Board Member of the San Diego Labor Council, Vice President of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, and Secretary of the AFL-CIO Building Corporations. He also volunteers his time with Christmas in April and other community organizations.

Allen Shur exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the late John S. Lyons. I offer my congratulations to him on his receipt of the 2002 "Labor Leader of the Year Award."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2002 I was unable to vote on rollcall 379. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the anniversary of the day our great nation was forever changed when terrorists attacked and killed thousands of Americans simply because they were American.

Today, first and foremost, our Nation pays respect to the victims and their families. We stand united and remind them that one year has passed and still, we will never forget September the 11th.

What happened to the United States on that infamous day brought out the best of the American spirit.

The enemies who struck us grossly miscalculated the strength and resolve of the American people.

They didn't know that our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, and our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument.

As President Bush said, "This country will define our times, not be defined by them. As long as the United States of America is determined and strong, this will not be an age of terror; this will be an age of liberty, here and across the world."

During this unprecedented time of great challenge, there will be no corner of the earth where the demons of September 11th will be safe from justice.

America will continue to fight for the security of our great nation, and for peace in the world.

We will never forget every firefighter, flight attendant, father and friend that died that infamous day. May God watch over their families and continue to bless America.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES ALL-STAR EMPLOYEES

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the House's attention to the recognition that the Pittsburgh Pirates have recently awarded a number of their employees for their outstanding work.

The Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club began playing its home games at PNC Park on Pittsburgh's North Shore during the 2001 baseball season. The new baseball park is an impressive facility, and it has been well regarded by the many fans and visitors who have attended games there.

An important part of the positive experience visitors take away from PNC Park consists of the service they are provided with by the more than 2,500 employees who work at the Park on each game day. These workers take visitors' tickets, staff the concession stands, keep